

REMARKS

The title of the application has been objected to as not descriptive. It has been amended to eliminate this rejection.

Claim 21 was rejected as anticipated by Kato et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,924,085). Claim 21 has been cancelled.

Claims 1-2 and 22 have been allowed. Claims 1, 15, and 18-20 have been amended to correct typographical and grammatical errors. These are clarifying amendments. They are not narrowing amendments within the meaning of Festo Corp. v Shoketsu Kinzoku Kabushiki Co., Ltd., 122 S.Ct. 1831 (2002), since they do not restrict the scope of the claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims at the earliest possible date is requested.

If prosecution of this application can be assisted by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (510) 663-1100.

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